

PORT ST, JOE, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in emergency session with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Commissioner Nathan Peters, Jr., and Carmen L. McLemore.

Others present were: Clerk of Circuit Court Rebecca L. Norris, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, EMS Director Shane McGuffin, EMS Personnel John Ford, Donnie McArdle and Teresa McArdle, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

HURRICANE GUSTAV/STUMPHOLE EROSION/STUMPHOLE REVETMENT PROJECT

Chairman Traylor discussed Hurricane Gustav and Tropical Storm Hannah, and their effects on the Stumphole due to the storm surges. Chairman Traylor expressed concerns of additional storms and the possibility of losing the Stumphole. He further discussed the Stumphole Revetment Project and delays due to permitting issues with DEP. Chairman Traylor passed the chair to Commissioner Peters and motioned to award the Stumphole Revetment Project grant to GAC on an emergency basis and contingent upon County Attorney McFarland and Grant Writer Kopinsky's approval of every step so as to not lose grant funding. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Chairman Peters returned the chair to Commissioner Traylor.

Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson gave an update on Hurricane Gustav, and presented a Tracking map, Press Releases and a Situation Report to the Board. Chairman Traylor discussed potential problems with the sewer systems and lines breaking at the Stumphole, dumping sewage into the Bay. Sheriff Joe Nugent stated that there is already a lot of erosion at the Stumphole. Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that we are right at a critical stage at the Stumphole, with a lot of rocks being lost last night, and Indian Pass Road is under water so traffic is being re-routed. Upon Commissioner McLemore's inquiry, Emergency Management Director Nelson stated that Public Works Director Gerald Shearer is out working on clearing debris. He further stated that the Emergency Operations Center is operating at a Level 2 (partial activation), with volunteers. He stated that at this point Gulf County does not need to open shelters. Upon Commissioner McLemore's inquiry, EM Director Nelson reported that should there be a total washout of the Stumphole, VMS would come in and do emergency repairs to make it passable, then follow up with permanent repairs. He further stated that it is not a life threatening situation, but there will be a lot of people concerned about their property and potential damages, and informed the Board that VMS has been put on notice and this is a VMS/Florida Department of Transportation issue. Upon Sheriff Joe Nugent's recommendation, Administrator Butler agreed that the County should contact Representative Jimmy Patronis to help us push VMS and FDOT to stage someone at the

Stumphole.

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Commissioner Peters motioned to declare a Local State of Emergency. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that we are not issuing any mandatory evacuations or calling for any volunteers at this point.

Commissioner Peters motioned to recess the meeting. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

The meeting then recessed at 9:18 a.m., E.T.

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 a.m., E.T.

STUMPHOLE

Chairman Traylor stated that the County will be working to prevent a washout at the Stumphole and a call has been put in to Representative Patronis. He further stated that the reason it hasn't been fixed yet is because the DEP wants to get a sturgeon count at the Stumphole. Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson discussed other infrastructure that goes through the Stumphole, such as cable, sewer and water lines, and stated that the City of Port St. Joe is sending someone to monitor the situation and turn off the sewer lines if necessary.

ROAD FLOODING

John Ford reported possible road closures on Sunset, Monument, and Long Avenue at high tide. Chairman Traylor inquired about putting out DOT signs displaying road closures.

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:34 a.m., E.T.

**BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**